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March 26, 2019

Dear Mr. Robert Holloman,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Robert Holloman

SUMTER, SC 29154-4718

Mar 15, 2019

Public Service Commission

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Progress Rate Increase

Dear Public Service Commission,

As a Duke Energy Progress electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy Progress electric rate proposal (2018-318-e) when it comes before you. Specifically, I am concerned that:

The Duke Energy Progress proposal to increase the basic facilities charge a fixed cost from \$9.08 to \$29. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina, which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I urge the South Carolina Public Service Commissioners to carefully weigh the cost and benefit to the public.

I am a consumer of Duke Energy Progress electric services and the proposed rate increase is adverse to the interest of myself, my family and, my friends because:

1. Many of the individuals in my circle are at least 60 years of age
2. Many of us live on fixed andor low incomes
3. All of us are motivated to minimize the financial burden associated with our cost of living
4. None of us understand the benefit to be received in exchange for the 338% increase to the basic facilities charge

Lastly, none of us understands how the proposed rate increase will motivate Duke Energy Progress to minimize charges to us,

Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Holloman

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